

DESIGNATION OF TRINITY LAKE, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 10, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 63]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 63) to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 63 is to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley Project, California, as “Trinity Lake”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 63 would designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley Project, California, as “Trinity Lake.” Under the provisions of P.L. 88-662, the reservoir is currently designated as “Clair Engle Lake,” and therefore requires legislation in order for the name to be changed.

Trinity Dam and the reservoir on the Trinity River regulate a drainage area of over 728 square miles. Trinity Dam, completed in 1962, is an earthfill structure 538 feet high with a crest length of 2,450 feet. The reservoir has a maximum storage capacity of 2.448 million acre-feet of water. Releases from the reservoir are used to generate power at Trinity, Lewiston, Spring Creek, Judge Francis Carr, and Keswick powerplants, and for consumptive use in the Central Valley Project.

On February 7, 1995, the Trinity County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution in support of changing the

present name of Clair Engle Lake to Trinity Lake. This would bring the name of the reservoir into conformity with the other facilities at the site: the Trinity Dam and the Trinity powerplant, both located on the Trinity River. There is apparently a great deal of confusion about the reservoir, since most of the local residents already refer to it as Trinity Lake, but it appears on all maps as Clair Engle Lake.

Construction of the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project was authorized in 1955, and legislation naming the reservoir after Clair Engle was enacted in 1964. The late Clair Engle was a Member of Congress from California for 20 years, serving for 14 years in the House and almost a full 6-year term in the Senate. During his tenure in the House, he served as the Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee during the 84th and 85th Congresses. Mr. Engle was a supporter of the Central Valley Project, and was recognized as an authority on water resources development.

Similar legislation, H.R. 1070, was introduced by Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) in the 104th Congress. H.R. 1070 was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources. On May 11, 1995, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1070, where the Administration testified that it did not object to enactment of the bill. On May 24, 1995, the Full Committee ordered the bill reported favorably. H.R. 1070 passed the House of Representatives on June 15, 1995, by voice vote. The Senate took no action on the bill.

During the May 11, 1995, hearing on H.R. 1070, the Members of the Subcommittee discussed the possibility of finding a facility, such as a visitors' center, which could be named for Clair Engle. The Committee supports this recommendation, and requests the Bureau of Reclamation name an appropriate Central Valley Project facility in honor of the late Mr. Engle.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 63 was introduced on January 7, 1997, by Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. On March 5, 1997, the Full Committee met to consider H.R. 63, which was discharged from the Subcommittee by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported by voice vote to the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 and Article IV, section 3, of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact H.R. 63.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 63. However, clause 7(d) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 63 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 63.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 63 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 7, 1997.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 63, a bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake."

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Victoria V. Heid.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 63 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not have any impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 63 would designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake." Under the provisions of Public Law 88-662, the reservoir is currently designated as "Clair Engle Lake."

The CBO staff contact for the estimate is Victoria V. Heid. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

H.R. 63 contains no unfunded mandates.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF OCTOBER 13, 1964

AN ACT To designate as Clair Engle Lake the reservoir created by the Trinity Dam, Central Valley project, California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, [That the reservoir created by the Trinity Dam, Central Valley project, California, shall hereafter be known as Clair Engle Lake as an appropriate tribute to the outstanding leadership and great service which the late Clair Engle performed on behalf of the development of our natural resources in the State of California and the Nation, and especially his enlightened vision for the necessity to conserve and put to the best possible beneficial use the water and power resources of this Nation, and any law, regulation, document, or record for the United States in which such reservoir is designated or referred to shall hereafter be held to refer to such reservoir by the name of Clair Engle Lake.]